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PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 29th August, 1950.

SUBJECT:—*Inclusion of Western Germany in the Soft Currency Area.*

No 89-ITC(P.N.)/50.—A reference is invited to Public Notice No. 70-ITC (P.N.)/50 dated the 5th August 1950 in which it was notified that Western Germany (that is, the American, British and French zones of Germany excluding the territory of the Saar) would be treated as though it were part of the Soft Currency Area for certain purposes of import licensing. It has now been decided that Western Germany shall be included in the Soft Currency Area, and treated as a Soft Currency Country, for all purposes connected with Import Trade Control.

2. By notifications Nos. 31-ITC/50, 32-ITC/50 and 33-ITC/50 dated the 29th August, 1950, the scope of Open General Licences Nos. XVI, XVII and XX has been extended to Western Germany.

3. In so far as articles which are shown as licensable from Western Germany in columns 13, 14 and 15 of Appendix B to Public Notice No. 14-ITC (P.N.)/50 dated the 15th June, 1950 are concerned, no change will be made in the arrangements already announced in Public Notice No. 70-ITC(P.N.)/50 dated the 5th August, 1950 in respect of licensing for the periods January—June 1950 and July—December 1950.

4. In so far as articles not shown as licensable from Western Germany in Public Notice No. 14-ITC(P.N.)/50 dated the 15th June 1950 are concerned:—

- (a) Licences already issued and still valid for any Soft Currency Country may be made valid for Western Germany on application being made to the Chief Controller of Imports or any Import Trade Controller irrespective of the authority who originally granted the licence. This provision will not apply, however, to licences issued under the Open General Licence XI and XV Concessional Schemes, or to licences granted under Trade Agreements where the goods concerned are licensable only from the Trade Agreement countries concerned and not from the Soft Currency Area as a whole.
- (b) For purposes of further licensing for January—June 1950 or July—December 1950, applications will be dealt with on the basis that Western Germany now forms part of the Soft Currency Area. Past Imports from Western Germany will be taken into account in calculating Soft Currency Area quotas for established importers,

and the licences issued against the quotas will be valid for Western Germany or any other Soft Currency Country as desired by the applicant.

5 The arrangements made in respect of licensing from Soft Currency Areas for January—June 1951 under the Long Term Licensing Scheme, as indicated in columns 22, 23 and 24 of Appendix B to Public Notice No. 14-ITC(P.N.)/50 dated the 15th June 1950, will apply to the Soft Currency Area as now reconstituted, that is, including Western Germany, both in respect of articles shown as licensable from Western Germany in Appendix B and in respect of articles not shown therein as licensable from that country.

R. J. PRINGLE, Jt. Secy.

NOTIFICATIONS

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 29th August 1950.

No. 31-ITC/50.—In pursuance of the Notification of the Government of India in the late Department of Commerce No. 23-ITC/43, dated the 1st July, 1943 as continued in force by the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947 (XVIII of 1947), the Central Government is pleased to direct that the following further amendment shall be made in Open General Licence No. XVI published with the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Commerce No. 26-ITC/49, dated the 25th August, 1949, as subsequently amended and that this amendment be published for general information:—

In the preamble to the said Open General Licence the words “Western Germany (U.K./French/U.S.A. Zones)” shall be deleted.

No. 32-ITC/50.—In pursuance of the Notification of the Government of India in the late Department of Commerce No. 23-ITC/43, dated the 1st July, 1943, as continued in force by the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947 (XVIII of 1947), the Central Government is pleased to direct that the following further amendments shall be made in Open General Licence No. XVII published with the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Commerce No. 34-ITC/49, dated the 12th November, 1949 as subsequently amended and that this amendment be published for general information:—

In the preamble to the said Open General Licence the words “Western Germany (U.K./U.S./French Zones but excluding the Saar)” shall be deleted.

No. 33-ITC/50.—In pursuance of the Notification of the Government of India in the late Department of Commerce No. 23-ITC/43, dated the 1st July, 1943, as continued in force by the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947 (XVIII of 1947), the Central Government is pleased to direct that the following further amendment shall be made in Open General Licence No. XX published with the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Commerce No. 21-ITC/50, dated the 5th August, 1950 as subsequently amended and that the amendment be published for general information:—

In clause (b) of the preamble to the said Open General Licence the words “Western Germany (U.K./U.S./French Zones but excluding the Saar)” shall be deleted.

R. J. PRINGLE, Joint Secy.